(a) that substantial progress regarding implementation of the Agreed Action Plan in respect of State Corporations taken up in the first batch is achieved.

(b) Additional 3 State Seed Corporation are taken up for study.

On completion of the above conditionalities and substantial progress in the implementation of the Agreed Action Plan in respect of the Corporations taken up for study in the first batch, the World Bank has released the second tranche of US $ 35 million.

New Policy of Seed Development

3120. MISS SAROJ KHARPARDE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Policy of Seed Development has been in force from 1st October, 1988; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main thrust of the policy is to provide Indian farmers the best planting material available anywhere in the world to increase productivity. The policy mainly regulate the import of seeds of coarse cereals, pulses, oilseeds and fodder with certain provisions.

The total quantity of various seeds/ seedlings/planting material imported till date is as under :—

Year	Seeds (in M.T.)	Seedlings/ Planting material (Nos)
1-10-88—89	14.145	4,27,106
1989-90	82.805	7,82,969
1990-91	83.501	4,65,957
1991-92	428.390	36,44,536
1992-93 (Upto Feb., 93)	91.343	25,68,018

Integrated Pest Management Programme

3121. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Integrated Pest Management Programme is under implementation by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) :

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government have established 26 Central Integrated Pest Managment Centres in 21 States and one U. T. to implement the Components of Integrated Pest Management such as crop pest surveillance and monitoring, promotion of biological control methods and demonstration-cum-training programmes for extension functionaries and farmers. The details of targets and achievements of various activities undertaken by these Centres during 1992-93 are as under :—

Sl. No.	Activity	Parameter	Target	Achievement*
1.	Pest surveillance & monitoring	Scanning of area in lakh ha.	7.50	8.77
2.	Biocontrol :			
	(a) Release of biocontrol agents	Nos. in millions	1050	1791
	(b) Area coverage	lakh ha.	2.67	3.09
3.	IPM training :			
	(a) SMSs	Nos	650	712
	(b) Farmers	Nos	3250	3225
4.	IPM demos :			
	(a) Rice	Nos	50	51
	(b) Cotton		15	15

*upto February 1993.